larance/acceptance of its own schemes assistance in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE INISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND MPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA kTIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Areas d Employment is implementing various liemes namely Jawahar Rozgar Yojana RY), Employment Assurance Scheme ;AS), Integrated Rural Development ogramme (IRDP), Development of omen & Child in Rural Areas WCRA) and Training of Youth for If Employment (TRYSEM) for neration of employment opportunities roughout the country including Madhya adesh for rural poor with special iphasis on women, Under JRY 30% d under IRDP 40% of the employment iportunities are to be provided to)men. The DWCRA specially targets >men through group approach for nerating self-employment oportunities. Besides, during 1993-94 a oject entitled "Sustainable employment r women in 20 selected villages of adhya Pradesh was sanctioned at a total •St of Rs. 87.50 lakhs to Mahila Chetna anch, Bliopal, an NGO and by the end May, 1998 78.42% of funds have been ilised.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

lisappropriation of Central Funds in the Gorkha Hill Council

*511. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received ny complaint regarding misappropriation of Central Funds in the Gorkha Hill Council; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the ction taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) An all Party delegation led by Shri Dawa Lama Member of Parliament, met Union Home Minister and submitted a Memorandum requesting the Government to look into allegations regarding financial irregularities and misappropriation of central funds by the Gorkha Hill Council.

2. The Memorandum highlighted mainly the following issues:—

(1) The unlawful activities of Shri Subhash Ghisingh.

(2) Misappropriation of public funds by the Chairman of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council.

(3) Need for a separate State of Gorkhaland.

3. A copy of the Memorandum has been sent to the Government of West Bengal for taking action on the issues raised.

Licence for Keeping a Wireless Set

*512. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a common man is required to obtain a licence for keeping a wireless set;

(b) if so, what is the procedure for obtaining such a licence; and

(c) the number of persons who have been issued wireless licences. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An application in the prescribed format is to be submitted to the Wireless Planning & Coordination Wing of the Ministry of Communications. On successful completion of technical and adminsitrative examination, licence is granted for the wireless sets after receipt of requisite fees.

(c) The information is given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Number of Licences hsued State Wise

Name of the State	No. of Licences
Andhra Pradesh	1965
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	24
Assam	18
Arunachal Pradesh	2
Bihar	146
Delhi	783
Gujarat	430
Haryana	122
Himachal Pradesh	18
Jammu & Kashmir	7
Karnataka	2313
Kerala	1826
Madhya Pradesh	240
Maharashtra	1251
Goa	22
Manipur	0
Meghalaya	14
Mizoram	2
Nagaland	2
Orissa	42
Punjab	62
Rajasthan	107
Sikkhn	13
Tamil Nadu	3466
Tripura	2
Uttar Pradesh	387
West Bengal	475
TOTAL:	13739

Rehabilitation of Unemployed Textile Worlcen

*513. SHRI RAMJI LAL:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills that have faced closure and the number of workers rendered unemployed in private and public sector, separately, as a result thereof since the inception of TWRF; year-wise, State-wise and region-wise; and

(b) the details of rehabilitation/relief sdiemes implemented by Government for such workers in public and private sectoi separately, during this period and th amount spent year-wise, scheme-wise an region-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHR KASHIRAM RANA): (a) As on 30.4.98 223 cotton/man-made fibre textile mill (non-SSI) were lying closed for reason such as financial difficulties strikes/labou problems, lock-outs etc. However, no cotton/man-made fibre textile (Non-SSI mill was closed under the Industrial Dis putes Act in the country as on that date The number of workers affected due to closure of mills was 2,63,901 Year-wise and State-wise information in this regarc is given in Annexture-I attached. (Set Appendix 184, Annexure No. 95).

(b) The Textile Workers Rehabilitatior Fund Scheme (TWRFS) is in operation tc provide interim relief to workers rendered jobless as a consequence of permanent closure of textile unti&^mills, oi in respect of cases of partial closure ol units, on a case to case basis. Since its inception, benefits under the Scheme have been extended to the mills in the private sector only. The details of relief provided under the TWRFS year-wise and State-wise are indicated in the enclosed Statement. (See below)

In addition, relief is also available to workers of closed undertakings under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

Assistance from the National Renewal Fund is available for Voluntary Retirement Scheme in Central Public sector enterprises and for schemes for counselling, retraining and redeployment of rationalised workers.

उत्तर प्रदेश के लिए संसदीय दल भेजा जाना

*514. **श्री राज बब्बर**: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पश्चिमी बंगाल में कानून और व्यवस्था की स्थिति की जांच के लिए वहां एक केन्द्रीय दल भेजा गया था;